

### **Support Sexual Assault Survivors: Clove Alliance Offering Crisis Intervention Training and Volunteer Opportunities**

Clove Alliance, the nonprofit dedicated to supporting survivors of sexual violence in the Kankakee region, is seeking compassionate community members to join its next **40-hour Sexual Violence Crisis Intervention Training** from **April 28 to May 21, 2025**. Participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to support survivors, advocate for change, and become volunteers.

The training, held at Clove Alliance's main office at **1440 West Court Street in Kankakee**, is led by experienced staff and subject matter experts from the community. Attendees will gain a deep understanding of the complexities of sexual violence and learn how to:

- Respond to survivors with sensitivity and trauma-informed support.
- Recognize factors influencing different forms of sexual violence, including culture and systems.
- Understand the medical and legal rights of survivors.
- Use survivor-centered advocacy practices.

Sexual violence is common and people from a wide range of professional backgrounds can benefit from this training. Upon completion, participants can also volunteer in several meaningful roles. **Crisis Hotline Advocates provide 24/7 phone support** and meet survivors at local hospitals when they seek emergency care, while other volunteers find fulfillment **assisting with community outreach events, fundraising efforts, and office admin.**

Sammy Burton, a dedicated Clove Alliance volunteer, shared her experience: **"Being a Clove volunteer and participating in the volunteer training program has been a great experience!** I...was looking to get involved in some way that was meaningful with everything going on in the world today. I chose Clove because of their values and the ability to connect with and support survivors in their most vulnerable state."

Upon completion, trainees receive a **certificate in Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention** from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Qualified professionals may also earn **35 CEUs/CPDUs** in partnership with Kankakee Community College for a \$300 fee.

The upcoming session runs from **April 28 to May 21, 2025**, with classes held:

- **Mondays & Wednesdays:** 6:00 – 8:30 PM
- **Saturdays, May 3 & May 17:** 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- **16 hours of independent study**

Those interested in making an impact are encouraged to learn more and apply at [clovealliance.org/volunteer](https://clovealliance.org/volunteer).

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## **About Clove Alliance**

Clove Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering survivors of sexual violence through comprehensive services, advocacy, and prevention education. Serving Kankakee, Iroquois, and Ford counties, Clove Alliance is committed to fostering a community free from the impact of sexual violence. Learn more at [clovealliance.org](https://clovealliance.org).